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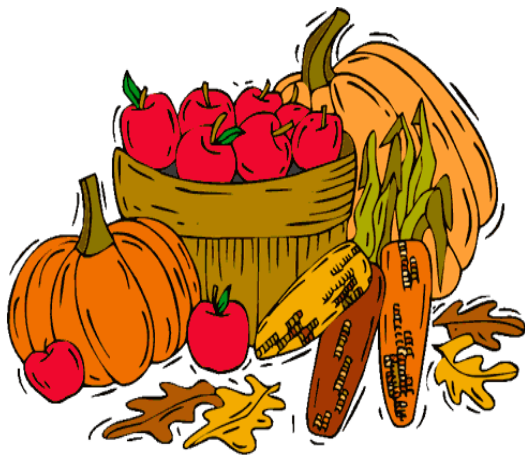
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HARVEST FEST AND FAIR IN THE SQUARE CRAFT SHOW

This year's annual Harvest Fest / Fair in the Square events are being held this Sunday, September 15 from 10:00AM – 5:00PM - rain or shine. The day-long celebration is held each September on the Historic Woodstock Square and features a farmers market, old-time craftspeople, vintage farm equipment, wagon rides, fall crafts, and a fiddler's contest for youth and adults.

The craft show includes all hand-made items by crafters and artists from all over the mid-west. You'll also be able to experience old-fashioned craft demonstrations such as weaving, spinning, quilting, blacksmithing and woodworking.

Bring the kids along for wagon rides and a petting zoo. And, stick around to enjoy the bluegrass music as well as the fiddler's contest while enjoying some tasty treats.



GET YOUR FALL PLANTS—AT THE LIBRARY!



The Friends of the Woodstock Library will be holding its annual “Mum’s the Word” sale this weekend. Come get your beautiful

fall mums, all locally grown, in the Library’s parking lot. Friday, September 13 from 10:00AM until 5:00PM and Saturday, September 14 from 10:00AM until 3:00PM. All proceeds benefit the library via all the great things the Friends do at the Woodstock Library.

Also, there is still time to take advantage of the Library’s Half-Price Fine Week. Through Sunday, September 15, you can pay off your fines for half their actual value. A non-perishable food donation is suggested for this benefit.

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DON'T MISS OKTOBERFEST IN WOODSTOCK!!!

The Woodstock Mozart Festival and Woodstock's Rotary is hosting OKTOBERFEST on Friday, September 13 & Saturday, September 14 at **Woodstock Water Works** in Emricson Park.

Bring your family & friends out to enjoy traditional German food & drinks along with live music and family fun.

Friday's "Rocktoberfest", is from 5:00PM until 11:00PM featuring local band favorite 'Hans and the Hormones'.

Saturday's event is from 11:00AM to 11:00PM and will include big-band music from "Let's Dance" as well as "Die Musik Meisters", a traditional oompah band. Fraulein Rosie Lentz will be providing free polka dance instructions, as well! This is sure to be a fun evening that you won't want to miss!

Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, per night (\$12 at the door); children 12 and under are FREE.

No one under 21 years of age will be allowed at this event after 9:00PM.

For questions, call Denise at (815) 338-8844.

Danke schön!

SLUGS AND SNAILS AND PUPPY-DOGS' TAILS...

That's what has come to the Rapacz household! On September 5th, **Woodstock Police Officer Josh Rapacz's** wife, Brieahan gave birth to their precious baby boy, Grayson Bernard Rapacz. Grayson made his debut weighing in at 7 lbs., 5 oz., 18 ¾" long, and joins big sister, Scarlett. Congratulations to the Rapacz family!



MEETINGS NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, September 17 – City Council, 7PM,
Council Chambers

Wednesday, September 18 – Transportation
Commission, 7PM, Council Chambers

RECRUITMENT NEWS

The positions shown below are open for application by both internal and external candidates:

Economic Development Coordinator

Woodstock seeks dynamic, experienced economic development professional to attract and facilitate new and existing business, and market Woodstock as a unique and thriving business destination. This full-time position reports to the Director of Community & Economic Development and serves as the City's main contact to handle all retail, commercial and industrial recruitment and expansion. Min. qual: Bachelors degree in Business or Public Admin, Marketing, Urban Planning, or related; 3 yrs' progressively responsible work experience; excellent communication skills and valid driver's license, required. CECD, EDFP or AICP a plus. \$42,127 - \$65,377 DOQ w/excellent benefits. Send resume and cover letter outlining relevant qualifications and education to: humanresources@woodstockil.gov . Deadline to apply: Friday, 9/20/13. EOE.

LPT Library Shelver

Today, Friday, 9/13/13, is the final day to apply for this position. Applications may be requested at: humanresources@woodstockil.gov, or in the Human Resources Department at Woodstock City Hall. EOE.

Seasonal Leaf Crew

The City of Woodstock has openings for temporary workers for **Leaf Crew** duties this fall. Positions work Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., up to 40 hours per week, approx. 10/28 through 11/22/13. These are manual labor positions with no driving required. Candidates must possess physical strength and mobility to spend full days walking, bending and lifting. Positions pay \$11.00/hr. with no benefits. Please contact humanresources@woodstockil.gov, or visit the Human Resources Department at Woodstock City Hall, to request an application. The City reserves the right to select only the most qualified candidates for an interview. Application deadline: Friday, 10/11/13. EOE.

Three highly-qualified candidates for the position of **Finance Director** were interviewed this week by **City Manager Roscoe Stelford**, **HR Director Deb Schober**, and two peer municipal Finance Directors. The top candidate(s) will be invited back to meet with Department Directors and Finance staff members to determine the best possible fit for this key organizational role.

Interviews were also held this week by **City Manager Roscoe Stelford** and **HR Director Deb Schober** with two applicants who responded to the internal posting for the newly-created position of **PT Grant Writer**. The interview results will be forthcoming.

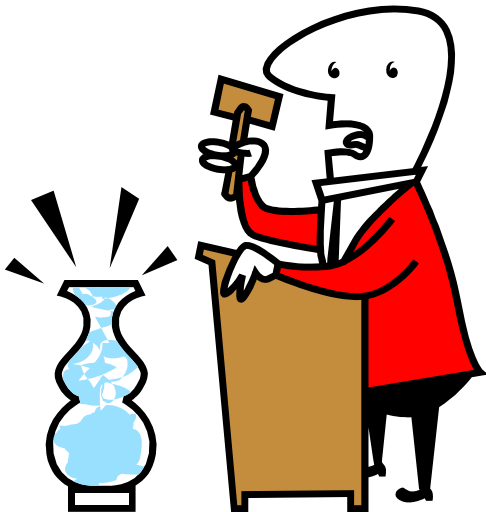
Quotation

The purpose of life is to live a life of purpose.

-Marcia Wieder

MCCOG AUCTION ONE WEEK AWAY

In preparation of the annual McHenry County Council of Governments (MCCOG) auction held at the McHenry County Fairgrounds, the Fleet Maintenance Division completed work to each of the surplus vehicles and equipment scheduled to be sold. This work included the removal of city stickers and decals, the removal of two-way radios, and a general cleaning of the interior and exterior surfaces. This work helps to attract bidders to the City's equipment which in turn will help the City get the top dollar for those items to be sold. The **Fleet Maintenance Division** employees will be transporting all vehicles and equipment to the fairgrounds prior to the auction which is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st. Items that the City will be putting up for auction include 6 vehicles, four pieces of equipment, twenty bicycles, and small miscellaneous items. Come on out and try your luck on purchasing some of these items that have the potential to sell for less than appraised value.



PITCHED ROOFS SHED WATER BETTER

While until recently the small masonry building at the base of the communications tower in Emricson Park was the property of McHenry County, both the tower and the building are now under the jurisdiction of the City. After the June rain event, the flat roof on the building failed and some of the equipment in the building was damaged. That's when Public Works was called upon to rectify the leaking roof. Talented **Sewer & Water Maintenance employees Shawn Parker, Tim De Wane, Phil Groh, and Jason Walters** all worked together to construct a wood framed pitched roof on the building. This work was of high quality and was completed along with other assigned duties within a week. **Parks Division employees** will be staining the exposed wood material in the next week or so which will complete major renovations to the building and preserve that equipment that is housed inside.



CONFINED SPACE ENTRY TRAINING



On Tuesday, September 10, 2013, fourteen (14) employees from the **Department of Public Works** attended a 4-hour class on confined space entry regulations and procedures. Many workplaces contain spaces that are considered "confined" because their configurations hinder the activities of employees who must enter, work in, and exit them.

A confined space has limited or restricted means for entry or exit, and it is not designed for continuous employee occupancy. Confined spaces include, but are not limited to underground vaults, tanks, storage bins, manholes, pits, silos, process vessels, and pipelines. The term "permit-required confined space" (permit space) describes a confined space that has one or more of the following characteristics: contains or has the potential to contain a hazardous atmosphere; contains a material that has the potential to engulf an entrant; has walls that converge inward or floors that slope downward and taper into a smaller area which could trap or asphyxiate an entrant; or contains any other recognized safety or health hazard, such as unguarded machinery, exposed live wires, or heat stress.

Within the City of Woodstock, there are numerous facilities that are categorized as confined spaces such as manholes, sanitary sewer lift stations, treatment tanks, and water booster stations, just to name a few. This training enables the Public Works employees to be knowledgeable on the latest standards and to make sure they are entering and working in these hazardous spaces as safely as possible.

ANNUAL TOUCH A TRUCK A SUCCESS

Program Coordinators Renee Torrez and Becky Vidales greeted hundreds of community members at the **Recreation Department's Touch a Truck** event this past Sunday, September 8 at Emricson Park. The event ran from 10:00AM – 2:00 PM.

Touch a Truck gives kids the opportunity to climb on and around various trucks and tractors. Thank you to this year's participating companies: Benoy Motors, **City of Woodstock Public Works & Police Departments**, Cycle Craft Yamaha, Illinois National Army Guard, Mark Mitchell State Farm Insurance, Woodstock Fire Rescue District and Woodstock School District #200 Transportation.

Pictured are some of the **Recreation Department's** kid clan the Vidales and Torrez families. Maya, the oldest girl, has been attending Touch a Truck since it began in 2002.



NORTHSIDE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TOUR

Twenty students enrolled in Paul Stahmann's Environmental Biology Course at McHenry County College (MCC) spent approximately one hour touring the City's **Northside Wastewater Treatment Plant** on Wednesday, September 11, 2013. This college course provides the students an opportunity to learn about the importance of water and wastewater in our lives and the need to take care of our natural resources. The midday rain showers did not deter the students; they persevered and saw firsthand how the wastewater treatment plant truly functions from start to finish. Tour guides **Anne George** and **Wayne Baker** fielded numerous questions from the students about the treatment process. The students learned how microorganisms play an important role in treating and cleansing the community's wastewater. This partnership with MCC is a great opportunity for the City to showcase the vital work that is being conducted at our wastewater plants.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WOODSTOCK...

Friday, September 13- Oktoberfest, 5-11PM,
Emricson Park

Saturday, September 14 –Oktoberfest, 11AM-
11PM, *Emricson Park*

Sunday, September 15 –HarvestFest, 10AM-
5PM-*Park in the Square*



SO LONG, SUMMER! CELEBRATION ENJOYED BY ALL

The City's main annual employee get-together was held last Sunday, 9/8/13, at Emricson Park and enjoyed thoroughly by the numerous employees and families who stopped by.

Kids had fun on the playground, roasting hot dogs and melting s'mores. But they were literally "jumping for joy" in the multi-dimensional Bouncy House, and were highly motivated to donate their hard-begged dollars to earn the opportunity to dunk mom or dad for real! A tip 'o the wet suit to fearless leader **City Manager Roscoe Stelford**, and brave Department Directors **Deb Schober**, **Dave Zinnen**, **Cort Carlson** and **Paul Ruscko**! Their willingness to become dripping and shivering wet resulted in a total of \$202 to be donated by the City to this year's Christmas Clearing House charitable efforts.

Additional highlights included a buffet of delicious side dishes brought by employees, as accessories to the popular departmental Chili Cook-Off. No less than 12 pots of bubbling excitement were presented, devoured, and judged for their culinary worthiness. The honorary judges, Assistant Fire Chief Pat Burke, along with two employees from the Public House came to the same conclusion as employees who voted for the People's Choice Award. In an unbelievable display of good fortune, the **Police Department** earned their third First Place finish, for their entry by **Telecommunicator Amy McKendry**. Other lucky employees were beneficiaries of generously-donated prizes from the **Recreation Center**, **Opera House** and **Library**, as well as the proceeds from a 50/50 Raffle and a donated fire pit.

It's easy to believe that a well-planned event somehow just "happens." In truth, a great deal of creative planning, communications and organizational effort went into creating this crowd-pleasing activity. While every one of the COW PIEs contributed, obvious kudos for supreme efforts are due to **Monica Amraen**, **Donna Limbaugh** and **Becky Vidales**, as well as committee members

Daniel Campbell, **Jan DiFrancesca**, **Pam Moorhouse**, **Jill Sullivan**, **Terry Willcockson**, and **Al Wilson**. No small credit must also be given to devoted Super Spouses Don Limbaugh and Roger Vidales, and many helpful Public Works employees, for moral support and physical assistance transporting food, beverages and play equipment.

So, please don't forget the last two scheduled events, guaranteed to provide wonderful evenings of enjoyment to all employees! First up is the **Swim & Gym Employee Family Fun Night** at the **Woodstock Recreation Center**, on Saturday, 11/16, from 5 – 8PM. A great time to haul out the kiddies for pizza, soda, splashing about and running around, all free! And then...do join us for a lovely post-toast to a happy and successful New Year, at the **Café After Dark Merry Mixer**, with employees, spouses and retirees invited to wine & dine (or at least sip & nibble) delectable refreshments from 5 – 8PM on Thursday, 1/9/14 at the City's very own **Stage Left Café**. Watch for more details on both of these terrific remaining events!